

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toshikazu Hirayama, et al.

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For: DRUG SYRINGE

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231Date: February 24, 2003  
(Monday)

Sir:

Please charge a one-month extension to Deposit Account No. 01-234. In response to the Office Action mailed on October 23, 2002, please amend the **CLAIMS** of the above-identified application as follows: **Cancel claim 6 without prejudice and amend claim 1:**

1. (Twice Amended) A drug syringe comprising:

a barrel which is provided with a nozzle mounting portion at a distal end thereof;

a plunger which is provided with a gasket capable of sliding hermetically along an inner wall of the barrel at a distal end thereof and inserted from a proximal end of said barrel; and

a nozzle which is freely detachable with said nozzle mounting portion, said nozzle including a mounting portion on the proximal end side which is provided with means for mounting to said nozzle mounting portion and a discharging portion which extends bending at a predetermined angle from this mounting portion,

wherein said discharging portion located at a distal end side of a bended portion of said nozzle is formed so as to become thinner at a tip thereof in a tapered shape.